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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Gert **Auväärt** (Estonia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 39th meetings, on 2 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/572);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/695);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.1).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.33 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.48

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force" (A/C.5/70/L.48), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of India.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.48 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2257 (2015) of 22 December 2015, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 30 June 2016,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/301 of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/__ of _____ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19,401,587 United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 56 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

[1] A/70/572 and A/70/695.
[2] A/70/742/Add.1.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and decides not to abolish six national General Service posts;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/__;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 50,289,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 47,714,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,072,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 503,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 25,144,700 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2016, at a monthly rate of 4,190,783 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

[3] A/70/572.

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 804,750 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 697,800 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 88,650 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 18,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 25,144,700 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of 4,190,783 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 804,750 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 697,800 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 88,650 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 18,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 14 and 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,981,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,981,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 12,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 1,981,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Gert **Auväärt** (Estonia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd, 38th and 39th meetings, on 2 and 24 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/571);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/699);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.8).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.33, A/C.5/70/SR.38 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.38

4. At the 38th meeting, on 24 May, the representative of India informed the Committee that no consensus had been reached during the informal consultations on the item.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Thailand, on behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution 52/250 of 7 July 1998, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" (A/C.5/70/L.38).

6. At the 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Secretary read out amendments to the draft resolution, by which:

(a) In operative paragraph 15, the figure 515,067,900 would be inserted before the words "dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017", the figure 488,691,600 before the words "dollars for the maintenance of the Force", the figure 21,222,900 before the words "dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations" and the figure 5,153,400 before the words "dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy";

(b) In operative paragraph 16, the figure 85,844,650 would be inserted before the words "dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 August 2016";

(c) In operative paragraph 18, the figure 429,223,250 would be inserted before the words "dollars for the period from 1 September 2016 to 30 June 2017" and the figure 42,922,325 before the words "dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246";

(d) The corresponding amounts in paragraphs 17 and 19 would be updated accordingly.

7. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Israel made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of the draft resolution as orally amended. The Chair announced that a recorded vote had also been requested on the draft resolution as orally amended, as a whole.

8. Also at the 39th meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.38, as orally amended, as follows:

(a) The fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 were retained by a recorded vote of 94 to 3, with 50 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[2]

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq,

[2] The delegation of the Republic of Korea subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu.

(b) Draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.38, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 146 to 3, with 0 abstentions (see para. 11). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

9. Before the adoption of the draft resolution as a whole, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) (see A/C.5/70/SR.39).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Lebanon (see A/C.5/70/SR.39).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

11. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2236 (2015) of 21 August 2015, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 August 2016,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/302 of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of 15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001, 56/214 A of 21 December 2001, 56/214 B of 27 June 2002, 57/325 of 18 June 2003, 58/307 of 18 June 2004, 59/307 of 22 June 2005, 60/278 of 30 June 2006, 61/250 A of 22 December 2006, 61/250 B of 2 April 2007, 61/250 C of 29 June 2007, 62/265 of 20 June 2008, 63/298 of 30 June 2009, 64/282 of 24 June 2010, 65/303 of 30 June 2011, 66/277 of 21 June 2012, 67/279 of 28 June 2013, 68/292 of 30 June 2014 and 69/302,

Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of __ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the

[1] A/70/571 and A/70/699.
[2] A/70/742/Add.8.

amount of 118.8 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 56 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses* deep concern that Israel did not comply with resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307, 60/278, 61/250 A, 61/250 B, 61/250 C, 62/265, 63/298, 64/282, 65/303, 66/277, 67/279, 68/292 and 69/302;

5. *Stresses* once again that Israel should strictly abide by resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307, 60/278, 61/250 A, 61/250 B, 61/250 C, 62/265, 63/298, 64/282, 65/303, 66/277, 67/279, 68/292 and 69/302;

6. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/___;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of resolution 56/214 B, paragraph 14 of resolution 57/325, paragraph 13 of resolution 58/307, paragraph 13 of resolution 59/307, paragraph 17 of resolution 60/278, paragraph 21 of resolution 61/250 A, paragraph 20 of resolution 61/250 B, paragraph 20 of resolution 61/250 C, paragraph 21 of resolution 62/265, paragraph 19 of resolution 63/298, paragraph 18 of

resolution 64/282, paragraph 15 of resolution 65/303, paragraph 13 of resolution 66/277, paragraph 13 of resolution 67/279, paragraph 13 of resolution 68/292 and paragraph 14 of resolution 69/302, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 515,067,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 488,691,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 21,222,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 5,153,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 85,844,650 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 August 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,406,640 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,041,530 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 302,680 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 62,430 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 429,223,250 dollars for the period from 1 September 2016 to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of 42,922,325 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

19. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 12,033,260 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 10,207,670 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 1,513,420 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 312,170 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

[3] A/70/571.

20. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 16 and 18 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount 23,826,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

21. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 23,826,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Decides* that the increase of 948,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 23,826,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 37th and 39th meetings, on 11 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/599);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/791);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.15).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.37 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.49

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan" (A/C.5/70/L.49), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Poland.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.49 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1996 (2011) of 8 July 2011, by which the Council established, as from 9 July 2011, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2252 (2015) of 15 December 2015, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 2016,

Recalling also its resolution 66/243 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/260 B of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of ___ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 312.0 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 53 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

[1] A/70/599 and A/70/791.
[2] A/70/742/Add.15.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and stresses that the use of technology in the Mission must uphold the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, namely the respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States, and adhere to the fundamental principles of peacekeeping, in particular, regarding the consent of the host country;

10. *Notes* the continued delay related to implementation of the construction projects and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that all construction projects are completed in a timely manner and that Headquarters continues to provide effective oversight;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission continues to implement mine detection and clearing services in a timely manner;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264 and 69/307 and 70/___;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan the amount of 1,147,048,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 1,081,788,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 46,980,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping

[3] A/70/599.

operations, 11,407,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 6,872,600 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 95,587,400 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,016,917 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,571,309 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 335,008 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 69,108 of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 41,492 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,051,461,400 dollars for the period from 1 August 2016 to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of 95,587,400 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

19. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,186,083 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 17,284,391 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,685,092 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 760,192 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 456,408 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

20. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 84,763,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

21. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 84,763,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Decides* that the decrease of 219,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 84,763,300 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan".

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Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Gert **Auväärt** (Estonia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 39th meetings, on 6 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/70/564);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/858).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.36

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic" (A/C.5/70/L.36), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sri Lanka.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.36 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.35 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of some 0.1 million United States dollars, notes with concern that only 153 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

4. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic in the amount of 1,818,000 dollars as at 30 April 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

5. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 4 above to apply those credits to any accounts where they have outstanding assessed contributions;

6. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions in full as early as possible;

7. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 1,818,000 dollars as at 30 April 2016 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 4 above;

8. *Also decides* that updated information on the financial position of the Mission shall be included in the report on the updated position of closed

[1] A/70/564.
[2] A/70/858.

peacekeeping missions, to be considered by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session under the agenda item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

9. *Further decides* to delete from its agenda the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic".

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Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Gert **Auväärt** (Estonia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th and 39th meetings, on 9 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/570);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/696);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.3).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.36 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.50

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" (A/C.5/70/L.50), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ireland.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.50 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2285 (2016) of 29 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/305 of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of _____, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 45.3 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 64 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

[1] A/70/570 and A/70/696.
[2] A/70/742/Add.3.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,2 subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/___;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 55,386,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 52,550,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 2,282,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 554,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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13. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 46,155,666 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

14. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,143,083 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,946,750 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated

[3] A/70/570.

share of 162,750 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 33,583 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 9,231,134 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of 4,615,566 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

16. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 428,617 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 389,350 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 32,550 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 6,717 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 3,604,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

18. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 3,604,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Decides* that the decrease of 5,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 3,604,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

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Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Gert **Auväärt** (Estonia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 39th meetings, on 6 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/583);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/730);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.6).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.35 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.51

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" (A/C.5/70/L.51), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.51 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of 12 months from 31 July 2007, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2228 (2015) of 29 June 2015, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 30 June 2016,

Recalling also its resolution 62/232 A of 22 December 2007 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/261 B of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

Noting the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts between the African Union and the United Nations at the strategic level, unity of command at the operational level and clear delegation of authority and accountability lines,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of _____ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 285.7 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 55 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/70/583 and A/70/730.
[2] A/70/742/Add.6.

Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/___;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur the amount of 1,102,287,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 1,039,573,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 45,146,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 10,962,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 6,604,400 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,102,287,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of

[3] A/70/583.

91,857,250 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

14. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 29,621,700 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 24,483,000 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 3,863,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 796,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 478,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

15. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 93,928,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

16. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 93,928,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Also decides* that the increase of 1,475,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 93,928,800 dollars referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".

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Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Gert **Auväärt** (Estonia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th and 39th meetings, on 9 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/587);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/773);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.14).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.36 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.52

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" (A/C.5/70/L.52), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.52 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia[1] and the United Nations Support Office in Somalia[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, in which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to a further decision of the Council by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the Mission to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the Mission, including equipment and services,

Recalling also the subsequent resolutions of the Council by which the logistical support package for the Mission was extended, the latest of which was resolution 2289 (2016) of 27 May 2016, by which the Council extended the logistical support package until 8 July 2016,

Recalling further its resolution 63/275 A of 7 April 2009 on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/306 of 25 June 2015,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 97.7 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 54 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

[1] A/70/587.
[2] A/70/773.
[3] A/70/742/Add.14.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Notes* the progress made by the Federal Government of Somalia towards the holding of elections, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Support Office continues to support the political process and the preparation by the Government for an election, in accordance with the given mandate, and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

4. *Decides* to establish one post of Assistant Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to keep under review the structure of the Support Office to ensure that it is commensurate with the delivery of the given mandates;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish one post of Programme Officer (P-4);

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish one post at the P-4 level and one Field Service post;

7. *Notes* the continued delay related to the implementation of the construction projects, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that all construction projects are completed in a timely manner and that Headquarters continues to provide effective oversight;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[1]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia the amount of 608,950,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 574,304,900 dollars for the maintenance of the Support Office, 24,941,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 6,056,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 3,648,600 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

10. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 13,095,714 dollars for the period from 1 to 8 July 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

11. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 166,357 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 105,305 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 45,897 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the

support account, the prorated share of 9,469 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 5,686 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

12. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 595,854,986 dollars for the period from 9 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 at a monthly rate of 50,745,892 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Office;

13. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 7,569,243 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,791,395 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 2,088,303 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 430,831 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 258,714 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

14. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 21,736,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

15. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 21,736,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Decides* that the increase of 96,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 21,736,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".

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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd, 36th and 39th meetings, on 2 and 9 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Cross-cutting issues

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and budget for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/749)

Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/70/729)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742)

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.33, A/C.5/70/SR.36 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/C.5/70/22)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office on peace operations for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015 (A/70/318 (Part II))

Support account for peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/612 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/751)

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/759)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/837)

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/609)

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/779)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.9)

Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/754)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.17)

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.53

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Cross-cutting issues" (A/C.5/70/L.53), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Omar Castañeda Solares (Guatemala).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.53 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.54

6. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/70/L.54), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.54 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.55

8. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy" (A/C.5/70/L.55), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Mexico.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.55 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.56

10. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda" (A/C.5/70/L.56), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the Vice-Chair of the Committee (Guatemala).

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.56 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution IV).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Cross-cutting issues

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 49/233 B of 31 March 1995, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 58/315 of 1 July 2004, 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012 and 69/307 of 25 June 2015,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and budget for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017,[1] and special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse,[2] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office on peace operations for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015,[4]

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 57/290 B, 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264 and 69/307, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of their relevant provisions;

2. *Appreciates* the efforts of all peacekeeping personnel in the field and at Headquarters;

3. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and budget for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017,[1] and special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse;[2]

4. *Also takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[4]

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

6. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

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[1] A/70/749.
[2] A/70/729.
[3] A/70/742.
[4] A/70/318 (Part II).

7. *Recalls* its resolution 70/6 of 3 November 2015, takes note of the report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations[5] and the report of the Secretary-General entitled "The future of United Nations peace operations: implementation of the recommendations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations",[6] and requests the Secretary-General to include relevant information in the context of the next overview report, recalling paragraph 6 of the present resolution, in accordance with established procedures and the respective purview of the relevant Main Committees of the General Assembly;

I
Budget presentation and financial management

8. *Reiterates* that the delegation of authority on the part of the Secretary-General should be in order to facilitate the better management of the Organization, but stresses that the overall responsibility for management of the Organization rests with the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer;

9. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat and to field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

10. *Stresses* that heads of departments report and are accountable to the Secretary-General;

11. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

12. *Welcomes* the new format for the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations, encourages further positive developments in this regard, and reiterates its request that he ensure that budget data is provided in tabular, editable format, in order to enhance the transparency of the budget document;

13. *Stresses* that, in formulating budget proposals, the Secretary-General must strictly abide by legislative mandates;

14. *Also stresses* the importance of further steps by the Secretary-General towards improving budget presentations and making more accurate forecasts;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the results-based budget framework adequately permits consideration of each mission's progress towards achieving mandated tasks and its effective use of resources, with full regard to accountability and the changing mandate of the mission;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on those improvements that have been made in the budget preparation and presentation as a result of the implementation of Umoja and the International Public Sector Accounting Standards in the next overview report;

[5] A/70/95-S/2015/446.
[6] A/70/357-S/2015/682.

II
Personnel issues

17. *Pays tribute* to all United Nations peacekeepers who have been wounded in the line of duty or who have made the ultimate sacrifice while working in the pursuit of peace;

18. *Expresses its appreciation* to all United Nations personnel performing functions related to peacekeeping, in particular those serving in hardship duty stations under some of the most difficult conditions;

19. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring timely reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the ratio of substantive to support staff, with particular attention to the feasibility of nationalizing functions, especially Field Service level functions, to ensure that the civilian staffing structure is appropriate for the effective implementation of the current mission mandate and that it reflects staffing best practices across other missions;

21. *Stresses* the importance of leadership development at all staff levels, regular performance management for senior leadership and strengthened accountability, and requests the Secretary-General to continue efforts in this regard and to report on these activities in the context of the next report on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

22. *Urges* the Secretary-General to make every effort to reduce the recruitment lead time for staff in field missions, taking into account the relevant provisions governing recruitment of United Nations staff, to enhance the transparency of the staffing process at all stages and to report on the steps taken and results achieved in the context of the next overview report;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to ensure proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping, and to report thereon in the context of his next overview report;

24. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the Secretary-General to mainstream gender perspectives in United Nations peacekeeping, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that senior gender advisers in all United Nations peacekeeping operations report directly to mission leadership;

25. *Recognizes* the role of women in all aspects of peace and security issues, expresses concern about the gender imbalance in the staffing of peacekeeping operations, particularly at senior levels, requests the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to recruit and retain women in peacekeeping operations, in particular to appoint women to senior United Nations leadership positions, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, considering, in particular, women from troop- and police-contributing countries, and strongly encourages Member States, where applicable, to identify and regularly submit more women candidates for appointment to positions in the United Nations system;

26. *Expresses appreciation* to those troop- and police-contributing countries that have deployed women to peacekeeping operations, and encourages all troop- and police-contributing countries to increase the number of uniformed women whom they deploy;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on measures taken to expand the participation of women in peacekeeping operations and make further recommendations to increase the number of uniformed and civilian women in peacekeeping operations, taking into account facilities and services to facilitate their deployment, in the context of the next overview report;

28. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of section II of its resolution 63/250 of 24 December 2008 and paragraph 107 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next report on human resources management, to provide detailed analysis of the financial implications and justification for the proposed expansion of the maximum duration of temporary duty assignments to meet requirements directly linked to a mission start-up or expansion owing to a crisis situation, and also requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next overview report, to provide the same detailed analysis, with financial implications and justification, of the extension of the duration of the engagement of retired staff;

29. *Emphasizes* the importance of the timely review of the rate of death and disability compensation;

30. *Expresses deep concern* about delays in the settlement of claims in respect of death and disability, and requests the Secretary-General to take urgent measures to eliminate the existing backlog of death and disability claims pending for more than three months and to report on the progress made to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

III
Operational requirements

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to reduce the overall environmental footprint of each peacekeeping mission, including by implementing environmentally friendly waste management and power generation systems, in full compliance with the relevant rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the United Nations environmental and waste management policy and procedures;

32. *Recognizes* the increasing demands and challenges of the volatile work environment faced in peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen capacity and standards with regard to the 10-1-2 casualty response, including capacity-building, training and education, and to continue to develop innovative solutions in this regard;

33. *Also recognizes* the use of new, innovative techniques, including the use of animals, in particular rats and dogs, for the detection of mines, explosives and weapons in some parts of the world, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the possible application of such techniques for demining activities in peacekeeping operations in the context of the next report on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

34. *Further recognizes* the contribution of unmanned aerial systems to mandate delivery, including situational awareness and the enhanced safety and security of peacekeepers, and stresses the need to address challenges facing the deployment and utilization of such systems in individual peacekeeping missions;

35. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the security of information and communications in missions, including those gathered from the use of unmanned aerial systems, as a matter of priority;

36. *Recalls* paragraph 39 of its resolution 69/307 and paragraphs 136 to 138 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General to ensure consistency, transparency and cost-efficiency in the budgeting for unmanned aerial systems in individual peacekeeping operation budget proposals in this regard, including by presenting expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, as well as information on outputs, as appropriate, in the context of the results-based budget framework, and also reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General to include comprehensive information, including on lessons learned from the utilization of unmanned aerial systems in United Nations peacekeeping operations, in his next overview report;

37. *Also recalls* paragraph 40 of its resolution 69/307, requests the Secretary-General to report, in the context of the next overview report, on the efforts undertaken to ensure that the procurement of unmanned aerial systems from commercial providers complies with the United Nations Procurement Manual, and recalls its requests to the Secretary-General that he ensure that reimbursement of such systems provided by troop-contributing countries is consistent with the framework set out in the Contingent-Owned Equipment Manual, and to submit to the next Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment an issue paper to clarify the current reimbursement arrangements for unmanned aerial systems provided by troop-contributing countries;

38. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the completion of the assessment of the roles and responsibilities of the Air Transportation Section, the Strategic Air Operations Centre and the Transportation and Movements Integrated Control Centre and to make comprehensive proposals thereon in the context of the next overview report;

39. *Notes* that the continued implementation of the aviation information management system should help air operations planning, management and oversight, and requests the Secretary-General to provide details on the realized benefits of this system in the next overview report;

40. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to review and optimize the composition of mission vehicle fleets and ensure that the vehicles are fit for purpose, and to submit a cost-benefit analysis outlining, inter alia, the type, quality, efficiency, maintenance cost and environmental impact of vehicle adjustments in the context of the next overview report;

41. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure that accommodation provided by the United Nations for uniformed and civilian personnel serving in peacekeeping operations meet the relevant United Nations standards and to report thereon at the second part of its resumed seventy-first session;

42. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present in individual mission budget proposals a clear vision of the annual construction requirements by ensuring, as appropriate, multi-year plans and to continue his efforts to enhance the accuracy of budgeting, by improving aspects of project planning, management and oversight, with due consideration for operational circumstances on the ground, and to closely monitor the execution of works to ensure their timely completion;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen oversight and internal controls in the areas of procurement and asset management across peacekeeping missions, including by holding a named official in mission management accountable for checking stock levels before undertaking any acquisition activity in order to ensure compliance with established asset management policies, taking into account the current and future needs of the mission and the importance of the full implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

44. *Recalls* paragraphs 16 and 18 of its resolution 69/273 of 2 April 2015, and in this regard reiterates its requests to the Secretary-General that he continue to explore additional innovative ways to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at Headquarters and field offices and to encourage interested local vendors to apply for registration on the Secretariat vendor roster, with a view to broadening its geographical base;

45. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to utilize local materials, capacity and knowledge in the implementation of construction projects for peacekeeping operations, in compliance with the United Nations Procurement Manual;

46. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make full use of the Regional Procurement Office in Entebbe, Uganda, for procurement in the field;

47. *Recalls* paragraph 38 of its resolution 69/307, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to consider measures to be implemented to strengthen the security of air crews working under contracts with the United Nations, including confirming that the appropriate lines of responsibility for the handling of related security aspects are in place, and to report thereon in the context of the next overview report;

48. *Notes* the dangerous environments in which peacekeeping operations are deployed, encourages the Secretary-General, further to the existing strategy, to continue to take additional measures, including improving situational awareness and using integrated technology, to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in operations under the auspices of the United Nations and to report on the progress made in this regard in the context of future overview reports;

49. *Recalls* paragraph 98 of the report of the Advisory Committee, which highlights the need to improve the transparency of the various technology projects, whether in a pilot phase or under implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to include, in the next overview report, comprehensive information relating to the advancement of technology projects across peacekeeping operations, including a cost-benefit analysis;

50. *Also recalls* paragraphs 79 and 80 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide qualitative and quantitative information on the efficiency gains resulting from reform initiatives,

including Umoja and the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, in the context of the next overview report;

51. *Notes* ongoing efforts to ensure that both business continuity plans and disaster recovery plans are in place in all peacekeeping missions within a defined time frame, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement network intrusion detection and incident management software covering all missions and to continue to undertake information security awareness efforts in all missions and departments;

52. *Recalls* paragraph 102 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation to date of the O3b pilot project, along with a thorough cost-benefit analysis and business case for future proposals, in the next overview report;

53. *Stresses* the importance of timely reimbursement to troop-contributing countries for contingent-owned equipment, in accordance with the existing rules, in order to improve the performance of peacekeeping missions;

54. *Recalls* the role of the Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment in the regular review of the rate of reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment;

55. *Recognizes* the important role played by quick-impact projects in supporting the implementation of mission mandates, stresses the need for the timely, responsible and accountable implementation of all planned projects, and requests the Secretary-General to enhance the impact of these projects while addressing underlying challenges;

56. *Also recognizes* the need for the United Nations to become a more field-oriented organization that enables more flexible, rapid and agile mandate delivery in peacekeeping operations;

57. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to issue a compilation of lessons learned from the global field support strategy for publication on the website of the Board;

58. *Stresses* the need to strengthen field support by ensuring cooperation and synergies between the various support functions, in close consultation with Member States;

59. *Also stresses* the importance of thorough, responsive and advance planning for any mission transition process, in full coordination with all United Nations system entities, relevant regional organizations and the host Government, to ensure a timely, efficient and effective transfer of essential roles and responsibilities when responding to changes in the mandate;

60. *Recalls* paragraphs 73 and 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee, as well as the relevant observations of the Board of Auditors, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that efficiency efforts are properly implemented, overseen and assessed and that the results of such efforts are reported to the General Assembly in a transparent, consistent manner;

61. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any initiatives related to field support and service delivery improvements take into account lessons learned and best practices from other Secretariat initiatives so as to maximize benefits and avoid possible duplication and overlap;

62. *Recalls* paragraph 59 of its resolution 69/307, notes the progress achieved in improving support to United Nations peacekeeping operations through the implementation of the global field support strategy from 2012 to 2015, but also notes that the four pillars of the strategy have not achieved their desired end state and need further development;

63. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that Member States are provided with comprehensive and factual information to ensure that the benefits of the implementation of initiatives in the post-global field support strategy period are fully realized;

64. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to develop a cost-benefit analysis methodology, including benefits realization plans, that can be empirically verified to provide assurance regarding the benefits that have accrued or are expected to accrue as a result of the implementation of the global field support strategy and to provide follow-up information on this matter in the next overview report;

65. *Takes note* of the progress in the implementation of the supply chain management project, and decides that any changes in the organizational structures, roles and functions of the Department of Field Support, the Global Service Centre, the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, and field missions attributed to this project shall be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval;

66. *Recalls* paragraph 63 of its resolution 69/307, notes the need for further progress in developing the scalability model for the Regional Service Centre, reiterates its request that the Secretary-General develop scalability models for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of the next overview report;

67. *Also recalls* paragraph 47 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all scalability models take into account, inter alia, workload factors and efficiency gains;

68. *Recognizes* that the inclusion of programmatic funds in mission budgets on a case-by-case basis is intended to support the effective implementation of mandated tasks, and, in order to provide greater transparency, requests the Secretary-General to clearly and consistently present the cost of such activities when they are included in future mission budgets;

69. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide information on programmatic funding, including the scope, criteria, governance and accounting procedures, in the context of his next overview report;

IV
Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

70. *Recalls* the collective and unanimous position that one substantiated case of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse is one case too many, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all peacekeeping operations implement fully the United Nations policy of zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations with regard to all civilian, military and police personnel;

71. *Welcomes* the determination of the Secretary-General to fully implement the United Nations policy of zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the results achieved and challenges encountered in the next report;

72. *Also welcomes* the appointment of the Special Coordinator on Improving the United Nations Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and requests the Secretary-General to regularly update Member States on progress with respect to her mandate;

73. *Expresses serious concern* over the allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse contained in the most recent report of the Secretary-General, in particular the significant increase in allegations in a small number of peacekeeping operations, and the number of allegations involving the most egregious forms of sexual exploitation and abuse;

74. *Reaffirms* that all categories of personnel in United Nations peacekeeping operations must be held to the same standard of conduct so as to preserve the image, credibility, impartiality and integrity of the United Nations, and remains committed to further consideration of ways of ensuring managerial, command and individual accountability;

75. *Highlights* the importance of providing expeditious support to victims, notes with appreciation the establishment of the Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, recalls paragraph 59 of its resolution 65/289, and decides to approve the transfer of withheld payments in substantiated cases of sexual exploitation and abuse by civilian, military and police personnel to the Trust Fund;

76. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to ensure coordination across United Nations entities at the country level in order for victims to receive immediate basic assistance and support in accordance with their individual needs arising from alleged sexual exploitation and abuse;

77. *Welcomes* the strong commitment of the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations policy of zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse;

78. *Reiterates* the importance of further improving the collaboration between the Secretary-General and the troop- and police-contributing countries with regard to allegations of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, emphasizing the need to maintain frequent exchange of information on all aspects related to sexual exploitation and abuse;

79. *Requests* the Secretary-General to immediately inform the Member States concerned about allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, of which United Nations entities may become aware, in missions operating under a Security Council mandate, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Member States concerned receive all available information to allow for appropriate follow-up by their national authorities;

80. *Recognizes* the risk factors linked to recent allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, as identified by the Secretary-General in paragraph 25 of his latest report, including the rehatting of troops, the absence of predeployment training on standards of conduct, the excessive length of deployment for certain contingents, the living conditions of contingents, including lack of welfare and communication facilities to stay in contact with home, camps being situated in proximity to and not

properly separated from the local population and lack of discipline among some contingents, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to further analyse all risk factors, including those listed above, in his next report and to provide recommendations to mitigate those risks, taking into account the respective responsibilities of missions, the Secretariat and troop- and police-contributing countries;

81. *Stresses* the importance of training all personnel for the prevention of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, as part of the predeployment training, as well as in mission training and awareness-raising programmes, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite the deployment of the e-learning programme;

82. *Recalls* paragraph 175 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to include in future reports information on allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by non-United Nations forces operating under a Security Council mandate;

83. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use the reporting methodology and template, as contained in annex III to the latest report of the Secretary-General,[2] for all United Nations uniformed and civilian personnel and non-United Nations forces operating under a Security Council mandate and to include information on the nature of the allegations using the reporting methodology and template, as contained in annex I to the same report;

84. *Supports* the intention of the Secretary-General to include, in the next report on measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, information on referrals for criminal accountability for substantiated allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by civilian personnel and experts on mission and on any related actions taken by the United Nations or Member States concerned;

85. *Recalls* paragraph 48 of its resolution 69/307, requests that the report of an independent review on sexual exploitation and abuse by international peacekeeping forces in the Central African Republic be made available to the General Assembly, and looks forward to discussing the conclusions of the Secretary-General on that report no later than at the main part of its seventy-first session;

86. *Notes with concern* the findings in the independent review, including on the flaws of the United Nations system response, and requests the Secretary-General to report on lessons learned and measures to improve the system-wide response to allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse and to uphold the highest standards of transparency, efficiency and accountability;

87. *Recalls* the Secretary-General's bulletin on protection against retaliation for reporting misconduct and for cooperating with duly authorized audits or investigations,[7] and welcomes the prompt reporting in good faith of any misconduct, including sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in peacekeeping operations;

V
Other issues

88. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote effective coordination and collaboration with regard to the audit, evaluation and investigation

[7] ST/SGB/2005/21.

functions of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in order to ensure an integrated approach for the oversight of peacekeeping missions, bearing in mind the operational independence of the Office;

89. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Office to enhance its process for identifying high-risk issues for thematic attention.

Draft resolution II
Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, section I of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolutions 55/271 of 14 June 2001, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/279 of 29 June 2007, 62/250 of 20 June 2008, 63/287 of 30 June 2009, 64/271 of 24 June 2010, 65/290 of 30 June 2011, 66/265 of 21 June 2012, 67/287 of 28 June 2013, 68/283 of 30 June 2014 and 69/308 of 25 June 2015 and its other relevant resolutions, as well as its decisions 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015[1] and on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017,[2] the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within 30 days for traditional peacekeeping operations and 90 days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017[2] and the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[3]

[1] A/70/612 and Add.1.
[2] A/70/751.
[3] A/70/759.
[4] A/70/837.

2. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

3. *Also reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

5. *Reaffirms* that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

6. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

7. *Further reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of _____ and its other relevant resolutions;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Recalls* paragraphs 11, 13 and 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee, emphasizes that support functions should be scalable to the number, size and scope of peacekeeping operations, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to present, at the second part of the resumed seventy-second session of the General Assembly, a comprehensive review of the support account to ensure that the support account broadly corresponds to the evolving mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions and to the implementation of organizational transformation initiatives;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and notes with concern the continued upward shift in the grade structure of the United Nations Secretariat;

12. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to strengthen collaboration between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and the Department of Public Information to promote the peacekeeping activities of the Organization;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 66 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive review of the United

Nations Office to the African Union and to submit his proposals, for consideration by the General Assembly, no later than during the main part of its seventy-first session;

14. *Reaffirms* that the use of external consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and their services used only when necessary, and stresses the need for using the in-house capacity of the Organization to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;

15. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[1]

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

17. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 327,380,300 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of the amount of 16,830,400 dollars for the enterprise resource planning project and 821,500 dollars for information and systems security, including 1,341 continuing posts and 28 new temporary posts, as well as the abolishment, redeployment, reassignment and reclassification of posts, as set out in annex I to the present resolution, 97 continuing and 7 new general temporary assistance positions and 41 person-months, as set out in annex II, as well as related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

18. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance in the amount of 1,880,700 dollars, in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(b) The total amount of 2,328,300 dollars, comprising interest income of 567,400 dollars, other miscellaneous income of 78,200 dollars, cancellation of prior-period obligations of 1,658,200 dollars and prior-period adjustments of 24,500 dollars, in respect of the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(c) The amount of 910,600 dollars, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(d) The balance of 322,260,700 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(e) The net estimated staff assessment income of 27,576,300 dollars, comprising the amount of 26,707,300 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and the increase of 869,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (d) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

Annex I

A. Posts to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Department/office	*Organizational unit*	*Posts*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of Military Affairs	Force Generation Service	1	P-4	Planning Officer (strategic force generation and capability planning cell)	New
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Mine Action Service (New York)	1	D-2	Director	New
Policy, Evaluation and Training Division	Office of the Director	1	P-4	Programme Officer (strategic force generation and capability planning cell)	New
	Integrated Training Service (Entebbe, Uganda)	1	P-4	Training Officer[a]	New/transfer as from 1 January 2017
		2	P-3	Training Officer[a]	New/transfer as from 1 January 2017
		2	NGS	Training Assistant[a]	New/transfer as from 1 January 2017
	Subtotal	**8**			
Department of Field Support					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	United Nations Support Office in Somalia — Headquarters Support Team	1	D-1	Team Leader	New
	Conduct and Discipline Unit	1	P-5	Senior Programme Officer (sexual exploitation and abuse)	New
		1	P-4	Programme Officer (sexual exploitation and abuse)	New
Logistics Support Division	Office of the Director	1	P-5	Senior Environmental Affairs Officer	New
	Subtotal	**4**			

Department/office	Organizational unit	Posts: Number	Posts: Level	Function	Status
Department of Management					
Office of Central Support Services	Archives and Records Management Section	1	P-2	Associate Information Management Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
Office of Information and Communications Technology	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (Bangkok office)	1	P-3	Development Officer (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		1	P-3	Development and Production Support Analyst (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		1	P-2	Associate Applications Support Officer (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		1	GS (PL)	Customer Support Representative (Unite Service Desk) (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		4	GS (OL)	Customer Support Representative (Unite Service Desk) (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		2	GS (OL)	Customer Support Representative (Inspira) (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		1	GS (OL)	Database Administrator (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Conversion from general temporary assistance
	Subtotal	**13**			
Office of Staff Legal Assistance					
	Nairobi	1	P-3	Legal Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
	Subtotal	**1**			

Department office	*Organizational unit*	*Posts*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
Office of Legal Affairs					
Office of the Legal Counsel		1	P-4	Legal Officer	New
	Subtotal	**1**			
Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions					
		1	P-4	Administrative Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
	Subtotal	**1**			
	Total	**28**			

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the new posts is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/751) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/837).

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); NGS, national General Service.

B. Restructuring, redeployment, reassignment, reclassification and abolishment of posts under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Restructuring

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Military Affairs/ Force Generation Service

Establishment of the Strategic Force Generation and Capability Planning Cell

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions/Office of the Assistant Secretary-General

Renaming of the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service to the Justice and Corrections Service

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Policy, Evaluation and Training Division/ Integrated Training Service

Transfer of the Civilian Predeployment Training Team from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to Entebbe with funding from the support account as from 1 January 2017

Department of Management/Office of Information and Communications Technology

Realignment of posts and general temporary assistance positions under the support account to the approved structure of the Office of Information and Communications Technology

Integration of the Human Resources Information Systems Section from the Office of Human Resources Management to the Office of Information and Communications Technology

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division

Establishment of Resident Investigations Offices in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

Redeployment

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Military Affairs/Strategic Force Generation and Capability Planning Cell

Redeployment of 1 post (P-4 Military Planning Officer) from the Force Generation Service

Department of Management/Office of Information and Communications Technology/ Global Operations Division

Redeployment of 1 post (GS (OL) Help Desk Assistant) from the Financial Information Operations Service in the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Department of Management/Office of Information and Communications Technology/ Enterprise Applications Centre New York

Redeployment of 3 posts (1 P-4 Project Manager, 1 P-3 Business Analyst, 1 GS (OL) Umoja/Integrated Management Information System Help Desk Assistant) from the Human Resources Information Systems Section in the Office of Human Resources Management

Department of Management/Office of Information and Communications Technology/ Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (Bangkok office)

Redeployment of 1 post (P-3 Project Manager) from the Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (New York office)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division/Resident Investigations Office in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

Redeployment of 1 post (P-5 Senior Investigator) from the Investigations Division in New York

Redeployment of 1 post (P-4 Investigator) from the Regional Investigations Office in Entebbe

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division/Regional Investigations Office in Entebbe

Redeployment of 1 post (P-3 Investigator) from the Resident Investigations Office in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Reclassification

Department of Management/Office of Central Support Services/Procurement Division/Communications and Information Technology Procurement Section

Reclassification of 1 post (P-4 Procurement Officer to P-5 Chief of Section)

Abolishment

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of the Under-Secretary-General/ Executive Office

Abolishment of 1 post (GS (OL) Administrative Assistant)

Department of Field Support/Field Personnel Division/Asia and Middle East Section

Abolishment of 1 post (GS (OL) Administrative Assistant)

Department of Field Support/Field Personnel Division/East and Central Africa Section

Abolishment of 1 post (GS (OL) Administrative Assistant)

Department of Field Support/Field Personnel Division/West Africa, Europe and Americas Section

Abolishment of 1 post (GS (OL) Administrative Assistant)

Department of Management/Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts/Peacekeeping Financing Division

Abolishment of 1 post (GS (OL) Finance and Budget Assistant)

Department of Management/Office of Central Support Services/Procurement Division

Abolishment of 1 post (GS (OL) Team Assistant)

Abbreviation: GS (OL), General Service (Other level).

Annex II

General temporary assistance positions to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Department/office	*Organizational unit*	*Position*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Front office of the Chief of Staff	1	P-4	Organizational Resilience Officer	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant (organizational resilience)	Continuation
	Executive Office	1	P-4	Human Resources Officer	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Office of Operations	Africa II Division	1	P-4	Electoral Affairs Officer	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Office of the Assistant Secretary-General	1	P-4	Rule of Law and Security Institutions Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service	1	P-4	Judicial Affairs Officer	Continuation
	Police Division	1	P-4	Police Programme Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section	1	P-4	Policy and Planning Officer (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration) (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**9**			

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position		Function	Status
		Number	Level		
United Nations Office to the African Union					
		–	3 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 NGS	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	–			
Department of Field Support					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Operational Support Team	1	P-4	Planning Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Conduct and Discipline Unit	1	P-4	Disciplinary Officer	Continuation
Field Budget and Finance Division	Memorandum of Understanding and Claims Management Section	1	P-3	Finance Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Reimbursement Policy and Liaison Section	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
Field Personnel Division	Recruitment, Outreach and Career Development Section	12	P-3	Human Resources Officer (occupational groups)	Continuation
		4	GS (OL)	Human Resources Assistant (occupational groups)	Continuation
	East and Central Africa Section	1	P-4	Human Resources Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**21**			
Department of Management					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Executive Office	–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Management Evaluation Unit	1	P-3	Legal Officer	Continuation
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	Office of the Controller	1	P-4	Project Manager (International Public Sector Accounting Standards)	Continuation
		1	P-4	International Public Sector Accounting Standards Officer	Continuation

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position		Function	Status
		Number	Level		
		2	P-3	International Public Sector Accounting Standards Officer	Continuation
	Accounts Division	1	P-4	Finance Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Finance Assistant (insurance)	Continuation
	Peacekeeping Financing Division	2	P-3	Finance and Budget Officer	Continuation
Office of Human Resources Management	Medical Service Division	1	P-4	Medical Officer	New
	Human Resources Policy Service	1	P-2	Associate Legal Officer	Continuation
	Learning, Development and Human Resources Services Division	1	P-3	Human Resources Officer (performance management)	Continuation
	Strategic Planning and Staffing Division	1	P-4	Project Manager (data warehouse) (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Human Resources Officer (mobility) (from Learning Development and Human Resources Services Division)	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Human Resources Assistant (from Learning Development and Human Resources Services Division)	Continuation
Office of Central Support Services	Procurement Division	1	P-3	Procurement Officer (engineer) (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Procurement Assistant	Continuation
Office of Information and Communications Technology	Enterprise Applications Centre New York	1	P-4	Project Manager (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Business Analyst (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Umoja/Integrated Management Information System Help Desk Assistant (from Human Resources Information Systems Section)	Continuation

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position		Function	Status
		Number	Level		
	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (New York office)	1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (customer relationship management for the troop contribution management project)	Continuation
	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (Bangkok office)	1	P-4	Project Manager (rations management system)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (fuel management system)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**23**			
Office of Internal Oversight Services					
Executive Office		–	2 months, 2 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 3 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Investigations Division	Vienna	1	D-1	Deputy Director	Continuation
		1	P-5	Senior Investigator	Continuation
		2	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	Continuation
		4	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator (from United Nations Mission in Liberia)	Continuation
		1	GS (PL)	Investigations Assistant	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Investigations Assistant	Continuation
	Entebbe, Uganda	3	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	Nairobi	1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in Liberia	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in South Sudan	2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation

Department/office	*Organizational unit*	*Position*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator (from United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire)	Continuation
		1	P-4	Investigator (from United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire)	Continuation
		2	P-3	Investigator (from United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator (from Vienna)	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant (from United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire)	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	1	P-3	Investigator (from Entebbe)	Continuation
Internal Audit Division	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	3	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	3	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	Subtotal	**43**			
Executive Office of the Secretary-General					
		–	3 months, 2 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services					
Regional Ombudsman, Entebbe Office		2	P-4	Conflict Resolution Officer	New
	Subtotal	**2**			
Office of Legal Affairs					
General Legal Division	Administration of Justice Cluster	–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position: Number	Position: Level	Function	Status
Department of Public Information					
			– 1.5 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
			– 1.5 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	–			
Department of Safety and Security					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Integration Project Team		1 P-5	Senior Project Manager	New
			1 P-4	Project Manager	New
	Subtotal	2			
Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions			1 P-5	Senior Administrative Officer	Continuation
	Subtotal	1			
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights					
Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division	Peace Mission Support Section (New York)		1 P-4	Human Rights Officer	Continuation
	Peace Mission Support Section (Addis Ababa)		1 P-3	Human Rights Officer	New
Research and Right to Development Division	Methodology, Education and Training Section (Geneva)		1 P-3	Human Rights Officer	New
	Subtotal	3			
	Total	104		**Positions and 41 person-months (positions of less than 12 months' duration)**[a]	

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the general temporary assistance positions is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/751) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/837).

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); NGS, national General Service.

[a] Person-months are indicated in the column entitled "Level".

Draft resolution III
Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and its resolution 62/231 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/309 of 25 June 2015,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 69/309,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and by the Government of Spain to the secondary active telecommunications facility in Valencia, Spain;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/309 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of _____ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to resubmit proposals for the official designation of the facility in Valencia;

5. *Underlines* the fact that the provision by the Global Service Centre of support to clients should be carried out within the terms of the relevant General Assembly mandates;

6. *Recalls* paragraphs 37 and 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of a review and evaluation covering the level, size and composition of strategic deployment stocks, rotation processes, governance and clearing-house policy and their value in view of historical utilization trends, as well as their contribution to faster mission start-up and expansion, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of

[1] A/70/609 and A/70/779.
[2] A/70/742/Add.9.

its resumed seventy-first session, with a view to its taking a decision on the write-off and replenishment of strategic deployment stocks;

7. *Also recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of an audit, including a review of procedures, policies and internal controls;

8. *Notes* the ongoing centralization effort regarding geospatial information systems and the reorganization of the Geospatial Information System Section;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present, in the next report on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base, comprehensive and updated information on the Service for Geospatial, Information and Telecommunications Technologies and its client missions, including resource requirements at the client missions, the status of outputs, the utilization of such outputs and the impact of the Service on mandate delivery;

10. *Stresses* that any decisions taken on the operational needs of the Service for Geospatial, Information and Telecommunications Technologies should be in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to keep track and record all relevant decisions taken in this regard and to report on the matter, along with any expenditures incurred, in the context of the relevant performance report;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 72 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the conversion of five general temporary assistance positions (1 P-5, 1 P-3, 3 P-2) to posts in the Geospatial Information System Section;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, expresses its concern at the continued lack of progress made towards improving the performance and enhancing the effectiveness of the Strategic Air Operations Centre, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure strict and full implementation of the standard operating procedures related to the strategic and out-of-mission-area flights;

13. *Further recalls* paragraph 93 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to develop a scalability model for the United Nations Logistics Base, taking into account support requirements related to the provision of hosting services for information and communications technologies and enterprise data centre services to the Secretariat as a whole, as well as benefits derived from Umoja, and to report thereon in the context of his next report;

14. *Recalls* paragraphs 40 and 91 of the Advisory Committee, stresses that indicators of achievement should be measurable, objective and meaningful, and urges the Secretariat to review the indicators of achievement to ensure that they provide a meaningful assessment of the achievements of the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to provide in future budget submissions a breakdown of resource requirements and expenditures, including performance targets and actual achievements in service delivery for the United Nations Logistics Base and for the secondary active telecommunications facility in Valencia, and to include the corresponding information in performance reports;

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 73 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides not to abolish four posts (2 P-4 and 2 P-3) in the Standing Police Capacity tenant unit, and decides to abolish five posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 2 national General Service) in the Integrated Training Service tenant unit, effective 1 January 2017;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

18. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 82,857,800 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

Financing of the budget estimates

19. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 4,605,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(b) The balance of 78,252,300 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(c) The estimated staff assessment income of 5,688,600 dollars, comprising the amount of 5,917,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and the decrease of 228,500 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

20. *Also decides* to consider at its seventy-first session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

[3] A/70/609.

Draft resolution IV
Financing of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 69/307 of 25 June 2015,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012 and 69/307, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of their relevant provisions;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Takes note* of paragraphs 54 and 55 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides not to establish a post at the D-2 level, and also decides to maintain the leadership of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, at the D-1 level at this time;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

5. *Approves* the amount of 39,203,600 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

Financing of the budget estimates

6. *Decides* that the requirements for the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The amount of 38,462,200 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active client peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(b) The amount of 741,400 dollars, to be charged against the appropriation under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/249 A-C of 23 December 2015;

(c) The estimated staff assessment income of 2,786,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active client peacekeeping operations;

7. *Also decides* to consider at its seventy-first session the question of the financing of the Regional Service Centre.

[1] A/70/754.
[2] A/70/742/Add.17.

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Letter dated 13 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith Viet Nam's diplomatic note (see annex) regarding the letter dated 3 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (A/70/774) and its annex.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 79 (a).

(*Signed*) **Nguyen Phuong Nga**
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Annex to the letter dated 13 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the letter dated 3 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/774) and its annex, has the honour to state the following:

Viet Nam resolutely opposes and rejects the arguments and position of China as stated in the above-mentioned letter dated 3 March 2016 and its annex. Viet Nam has expressly stated on various occasions its consistent position on the disputes between Viet Nam and China over the Hoang Sa (Paracel) and Truong Sa (Spratly) Archipelagos and related issues in the East Sea (South China Sea) in the notes verbales addressed to the Secretary-General or the permanent missions of Member States of the United Nations, including the letter dated 18 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/795) and its annex and the note verbale dated 10 May 2016 and the note verbale dated 5 February 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the permanent missions of Member States of the United Nations. Once again, Viet Nam reiterates that Viet Nam possesses ample legal basis and historical evidence to affirm its indisputable sovereignty over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos and its sovereign rights and jurisdiction within its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf in the East Sea in accordance with international law, particularly the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. China's illegal occupation of a part of the Hoang Sa Archipelago (in 1956) and then the entire archipelago (in 1974), and more recently a part of the Truong Sa Archipelago (in 1988) through the use of force against Viet Nam cannot deprive Viet Nam of its title of sovereignty over these archipelagos.

Contrary to what China has asserted, the irrevocable fact is that there exists a profound dispute between Viet Nam and China regarding the sovereignty over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos. The existence of such a dispute was explicitly acknowledged by the Chinese Vice-Premier, Deng Xiaoping, in his meeting with the First Secretary of the Vietnamese Workers' Party, Le Duan, on 24 September 1975. China cannot deny the words of one of its High-level Leaders and reject the existence of the dispute between Viet Nam and China over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos.

In the annex attached to the above-mentioned letter dated 3 March 2016, China alleged that "Viet Nam had officially recognized that the Xisha Islands and Nansha Islands had been part of Chinese territory since ancient times. This position was reflected in its government statements and notes and official newspapers, in maps published by the Department of Survey and Mapping of the Prime Minister's Office and by the General Staff Department of the Vietnamese People's Army, as well as in textbooks reviewed and published by the Ministry of Education." This is a completely erroneous assertion. Viet Nam has repeatedly reaffirmed that Viet Nam, in all documents that China referred to in its 3 March 2016 letter, did not recognize the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos as part of China's territory, as asserted by

China. In the war against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, the President of the United States on 24 April 1965 issued an executive order defining the combat zone engaged by the armed forces of the United States. The Hoang Sa Archipelago is completely located outside this combat zone. Therefore, China's assertion that Viet Nam "made public statements on numerous occasions in support of the efforts by China to safeguard its sovereignty over the airspace of the Xisha Islands" is entirely unfounded.

With regard to the Truong Sa Archipelago, China asserted that "after 1975, ... Viet Nam illegally occupied by force 29 islands and reefs of the Nansha Islands, belonging to China, which has seriously encroached upon the territorial sovereignty of China." This assertion is obviously wrongful and inaccurate. China has never had the title of sovereignty over the Truong Sa Archipelago and merely showed interest in this archipelago in the middle of the twentieth century. China did not have any presence in the Truong Sa Archipelago before occupying a number of geographical features of this archipelago through the use of force in 1988. On the contrary, Viet Nam has long established and maintained its title of sovereignty over the Truong Sa Archipelago in accordance with international law. At the San Francisco peace conference in 1951, Viet Nam's statement affirming its sovereignty over the Truong Sa and Hoang Sa Archipelagos encountered no objections from any participating States. Meanwhile, the conference rejected the Soviet Union's proposal to include on its agenda the question of attribution of these two archipelagos to China. Immediately after French armed forces withdrew from Indochina in 1956, Viet Nam succeeded and assumed the responsibility of the State holding the title of sovereignty over the Truong Sa Archipelago. Viet Nam has ample evidence to assert the control and administration of Viet Nam over the Truong Sa Archipelago from 1956. China's arrival in this area by resorting to the use of force in 1988 cannot change the fact that Viet Nam has the lawful title of sovereignty over the Truong Sa Archipelago.

As the holder of the title of sovereignty over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos, Viet Nam is fully entitled to reinforce the administration and defence of its territory against any external threat. Nevertheless, as a peace-loving nation and in strict compliance with the spirit and letters of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, Viet Nam, unlike China, has not deployed missiles or any other offensive weapon on the Truong Sa Archipelago. Conversely, it is China that has conducted the large-scale construction of artificial islands and militarization projects in the East Sea, which not only infringe upon Viet Nam's sovereignty, but also pose a direct threat to peace and security, safety and freedoms of navigation in and overflight of the East Sea, violate the relevant regulations of international law, run counter to China's international commitments and violate the Declaration, particularly paragraph 5. Therefore, China's assertion that "the deployment by China of appropriate and necessary national defence facilities on its own territory is the exercise of the rights to self-preservation and self-defence granted by international law" is unacceptable, as the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos are not part of China's territory and this action by China belies the Chinese High-level Leader's commitment that "China does not intend to pursue militarization" in the East Sea.

Once again, Viet Nam demands that China immediately terminate its large-scale construction of artificial islands and militarization process or any other illegal activities in Viet Nam's Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos, terminate the

infringement of Viet Nam's sovereignty, legitimate rights and interests in the East Sea, strictly and fully implement the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, refrain from actions that further expand and complicate the disputes and contribute to the maintenance of peace, security, stability, the freedoms of navigation and overflight and the protection of the environment in the East Sea. The dispute between Viet Nam and China regarding the sovereignty over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos is one of legal nature. The two countries are under an obligation to settle their dispute over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagos and other disputes in the East Sea through peaceful means in accordance with international law. Failing the achievement of an agreed solution, the two countries are entitled to use other peaceful means as provided for in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations and in article 279 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The recourse to peaceful means for the settlement of the dispute is a friendly and effective measure to ease tension in the region and offers new prospects for cooperation and development for all coastal States in the East Sea.

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Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea

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Letter dated 15 June 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Greece dated 23 May 2016 (A/70/900-S/2016/474), I would like to bring to your attention the following considerations.

One of the principles of international law governing the delimitation of the continental shelf or the exclusive economic zone between States with opposite or adjacent coasts is to produce an equitable result (principle of equity). This principle acquires an added importance in enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, such as the eastern Mediterranean. The delimitation in the eastern Mediterranean should therefore be effected by agreement of all the related parties on the basis of the principle of equity so as not to prejudice the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of other interested States/entities.

Furthermore, concepts like "land dominates the sea" and "cut-off effect" still continue to be among the essential principles of international law and jurisprudence in the context of the delineation of maritime jurisdiction areas. Consequently, it has never been sanctioned by international law on maritime delimitation to cut a coastal State off from its access to the high seas.

Similarly, it is well established in international court rulings that islands do not necessarily generate full maritime jurisdiction zones (continental shelf and/or exclusive economic zone) when they are competing against continental land areas. There are ample examples in international jurisprudence and State practice proving this principle. (The delimitation cases between the United Kingdom and France, Tunisia and Italy, Romania and Ukraine, Bangladesh and Myanmar and Nicaragua and Colombia are just a few examples.)

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In view of the foregoing, the objections of Greece to the Turkish continental shelf in the eastern Mediterranean basically rest on an unfounded and abusive legal footing and only serve to maintain and air its maximalist claims.

On the basis of international law and practice, the delimitation of the continental shelf in the eastern Mediterranean should mainly be concluded between Turkey and Egypt. It is with this understanding that Turkey registered her ipso facto and ab initio legal and sovereign rights in the maritime areas of the eastern Mediterranean that are west of longitude 32°16'18"E (note verbale dated 12 March 2013).

In the light of the foregoing, Turkey refutes all the allegations contained in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Greece.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 44 and 79 (a), and of the Security Council, and published in the next *Law of the Sea Bulletin*.

(*Signed*) Güven **Begeç**
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Deputy Permanent Representative